

By Short

S.B. No. 1087

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to regulation of the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 4, Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 4566-1.04, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) The Board by rule shall adopt requirements for the continuing education of licensees under this Act in subjects pertaining to the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids. The Board by rule may approve specific courses of instruction or establish minimum content requirements of courses of continuing professional education.

SECTION 2. Section 13, Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, as amended (Article 4566-1.13, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) Before issuance of an annual renewal certificate under this section, a licensee must demonstrate to the Board compliance with the requirements of continuing education established by the Board under Section 4(i) of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately, except for Section 2, which takes effect January 1, 1980.

1 SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the
2 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
3 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
4 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
5 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
6 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
7 passage, and it is so enacted.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE

March 27, 1979

Honorable Chet Brooks, Chairman
Committee on Human Resources
Senate Chamber
Austin, Texas

In Re: Senate Bill No. 1087
By: Short

Sir:

In response to your request pursuant to Senate Rule 94, Subsection (g), this office finds the fiscal implications of Senate Bill No. 1087 (relating to regulation of the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids), to be as follows:

The bill would make no appropriation but would constitute prior legislative authorization for an appropriative request.


The bill, should it be enacted, would require approximately 400 licensees to take continuing education in the area of the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids. The Board of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Aids would be responsible for implementation and would require \$3,588 in 1980 and in subsequent to implement these provisions. This would be a cost to the Special Hearing Aids Fund.

The probable cost of implementing the provisions of the bill during each of the first five years following passage is estimated as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Probable Cost to Hearing Aids Fund</u>
1980	\$ 3,588
1981	3,588
1982	3,588
1983	3,588
1984	3,588

Similar annual costs to the Hearing Aids Fund losses would continue as long as the provisions of the bill are in effect.

No fiscal implication or additional cost to units of local government attributable to the bill, should it be enacted, is anticipated.


Thomas M. Keel
Director

AN ACT relating to regulation of the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids.

3-9-79

Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

MAR 12 1979 Read, referred to Committee on HUMAN RESOURCES

Reported favorably. _____

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed. _____

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by

{ unanimous consent.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules
suspended by vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays.

Read second time and { ordered engrossed.
passed to third reading.

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of
 _____ yeas, _____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

Read third time and passed by { a viva-voce vote.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

OTHER ACTION:

Secretary of the Senate

Engrossed

Sent to HOUSE

ENGROSSING CLERK

Received from the Senate

Read first time and referred to Committee on _____

Reported favorably amended, sent to Printer at _____

Printed and Distributed _____

Sent to Committee on Calendars _____

Read Second time (amended): passed to third reading (failed)

by (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays

 Present, not voting.

— Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ yeas _____ nays _____ present not voting.

— Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by a
(Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas _____ nays
_____ present not voting.

— Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

Returned to Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House